

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following RELATED APPLICATIONS paragraph as the first paragraph on page one of the specification:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional application of copending application Serial No. 09/977,436, filed October 15, 2001, entitled: Method And Apparatus For Closing End Of Carton Blank.

Substitute the following ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION for the abstract presently in the application.

A carton closure method wherein heated end side walls of the open end of a carton are initially infolded to partially close the open end of the carton and thereafter subjected to capture between a backup pad and a pressure pad by a linearly reciprocative cam to which pressure is applied by a cam follower driven in a direction substantially perpendicular to the direction of linear movement of the cam relative to the backup pad, whereby the cam is moved between positions wherein there is applied pressure against the partially infolded portions of the end side walls of a carton blank to effect a sealing pressure against such infolded portions and a position wherein no material pressure is applied to the partially infolded end side walls of the carton blank, the cam movement being facilitated by means of a multi-faceted geometry of the camming face of the cam.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Amend Figure 1 to include therein the numerals 130 and 140 as indicated in red on the enclosed copy of Figure 1.